

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4971–S5021*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1765–1768, S.J. Res. 49, and S. Con. Res. 23. **Page S5004**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1631, to authorize the Department of State for Fiscal Year 2018, with amendments.

S. 1697, to condition assistance to the West Bank and Gaza on steps by the Palestinian Authority to end violence and terrorism against Israeli citizens and United States Citizens, with amendments.

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**Measures Passed:**

*Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 23, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Filipino Veterans of World War II.

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*Honoring Military and Contract Working Dogs:* Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 160, honoring the service to United States Armed Forces provided by military working dogs and contract working dogs, also known as “war dogs”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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*Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act:* Senate passed S. 652, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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*SMASH Act:* Senate passed S. 849, to support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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*National Clinical Care Commission Act:* Senate passed S. 920, to establish a National Clinical Care

Commission, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5019–20**

Gardner (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 807, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S5019–20**

*Social Security Fraud Prevention Act:* Senate passed H.R. 624, to restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on Federal documents sent by mail. **Page S5020**

*John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act:* Senate passed S. 1359, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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### House Messages:

**Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 601, to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of assistance provided under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to promote quality basic education in developing countries, to better enable such countries to achieve universal access to quality basic education and improved learning outcomes, to eliminate duplication and waste, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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**Pending:**

McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to the bill with McConnell Amendment No. 808 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5020**

McConnell Amendment No. 809 (to Amendment No. 808), to change the enactment date. **Page S5021**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to the bill with McConnell Amendment No. 808 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 8, 2017.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House message to accompany the bill at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, September 7, 2017. **Page S5021**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Katherine Brunett McGuire, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Jeff Tien Han Pon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

Randy Reeves, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S5003**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S5003**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S5016**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:31 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5021.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018".

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018".

### FCC LIFELINE PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine address-

ing the risk of waste, fraud, and abuse in the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline Program, after receiving testimony from Seto Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Chris Nelson, South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioner, Pierre; and Deborah Collier, Citizens Against Government Waste, Jeffrey A. Eisenach, American Enterprise Institute, and Jessica J. Gonzalez, Free Press and Free Press Action Fund, all of Washington, D.C.

### U.S.-TURKEY RELATIONSHIP

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine priorities and challenges in the United States-Turkey relationship, after receiving testimony from Steven A. Cook, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C.; and Amanda Sloat, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the history and current reality of the United States health care system, after receiving testimony from Melissa Thomasson, Miami University Farmer School of Business, Oxford, Ohio; Katherine Baicker, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, Chicago, Illinois; and Sabrina Corlette, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center on Health Insurance Reforms, Washington, D.C.

### STABILIZING INSURANCE PREMIUMS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals on the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on state insurance commissioners, after receiving testimony from John D. Doak, Oklahoma Department of Insurance, Tulsa; Mike Kreidler, Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Olympia; Julie Mix McPeak, Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, Nashville; Teresa Miller, Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Harrisburg; and Lori Wing-Heier, Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Anchorage.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Amy Coney Barrett, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Young, Joan Louise Larsen, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, William L. Campbell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, and Thomas Lee Robinson Parker, to be United